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Oil Fields of the Empire. A Survey of British Imperial Petroleum Questions and a comprehensive technical Description of the Oil Fields of Trinidad and Newfoundland. By J. D. Henry. Prefatory Notes by Mr. W. H. Macgarvey, Sir Edward Morris, Mr. R. H. McCarthy, Prof. Zuber and others. xxix and 263 pp., 28 illustrations, 10 maps, diagrams, and appendices. Bradbury, Agnew & Co., Ltd, London, 1910. 18s.

Mr. Henry, a petroleum expert, the founder of the *Petroleum World*, and author of several works on the industry, gives in this book a survey of oil development and a technical description of the oil fields of Trinidad and Newfoundland. He reserves for future writing the oil fields of Barbados, New Zealand and other centers in the British Empire. The present book, therefore, does not quite do justice to the comprehensive title. Two hundred and ten pages are given to every phase of oil production in Trinidad and sixty-eight pages to the oil regions on the west coast of Newfoundland, this being the first published history of the oil districts on that island. The author predicts that Newfoundland will take a leading position. The work has special value as a history of a part of oil development and will be an essential source of data for all who are interested in oil enterprises in the British Empire.

The Story of Sugar. By George Thomas Surface, Ph.D., M.Sc. xvi and 216 pp., 34 illustrations. D. Appleton & Co., New York, 1910. \$1.

A painstaking study of the sugar industry, to which the author gave many months in field investigations and the collection of data. The book opens with a chapter on the occurrence of sugar in nature, followed by chapters on the early history of sugar, sugar as a food, etc. The controlling factors in the raising of sugar cane are discussed. The production of cane sugar is described in all countries, with special emphasis on the industry in the United States. The production of beet sugar is then treated and the six concluding chapters are given to the various sugar manufactures and the trade in the commodity. Sugar in all its phases has been very thoroughly treated by authoritative writers in Germany and the Netherlands, but little has been written on the subject in English, excepting in a technical and commercial sense. Both as a text-book and a work for general reading this careful and excellent study will be found very useful.

Der Getreidebau im deutschen und römischen Altertum. Beiträge zur Verbreitungsgeschichte der Kulturgewächse. Von Robert Gradmann. 111 pp. Hermann Costenoble, Jena, 1909. M. 3.

The history of the distribution of cereals in ancient times has been given in some detail by various writers, notably by Dinkel and Emer. In recent years a number of students have examined this subject, more or less thoroughly. In this book Dr. Gradmann brings together the fruits of his own published studies and those of other writers, with regard to the distribution and the uses of the grains in early German and Roman times. Much of this material is not easily accessible, and it is convenient to have it thus collated in one volume.

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La France et ses Colonies. Par MM. Henri Busson, Joseph Fèvre, Henri Hauser. Avec 73 gravures et 88 cartes dans le texte, 649 pp. Felix Alcan, Éditeur, Paris, 1910. 3.50 Fr.

One of the new French text-books of geography. It gives a systematic